

News Release

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Earth Day Festival to be held at Park Circle Saturday, April 17, from ll a.m.-3p.m at Park Circle, North Charleston

The Fifth Annual Earth Day Festival, Charleston, S.C. will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Park Circle in North Charleston this year. Activities include more than 60 educational exhibits, half a dozen food vendors and a variety of entertainment, including a skydiving demonstration from the Green Beret Sport Parachute Team out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Charleston County residents may purchase a home composter at this one-day-only *Home Composter Truckload Sale*. Home composters, which normally retail for \$79, will be on sale for \$39 tax included, while supplies last. Free activities for kids include a recycled puppet show by *Becky's Box of Puppets*, a jump castle, a giant slide, the bungee sports challenge, face painting, arts and crafts, and a host of reptiles, turtles and other marine organisms provided by *Tiedemann Park Nature Center* and a variety of other organizations. An award will be presented to the winner of the *Earth Day T-Shirt Art Contest* and Earth Day t-shirts will be on sale at the event for just \$5.

Litter has become a hot topic for the state of South Carolina and Charleston County. City, county and state officials are working together in the fight against litter, but there are also those unspoken heros who fight litter daily in our communities. The cities of Charleston and North Charleston will recognize those who participated in this year's *Clean City Sweep* and will present the results from this year's *Great American Cleanup*.

The Earth Day Festival is hosted and sponsored year by Charleston County Solid Waste, with the support of the following cosponsors: Commissioners of Public Works, SCANA Corporation, Piggly Wiggly Carolina Co., Nucor Steel, and Charleston Clean City Commission. For more information about this year's Earth Day Festival, call Charleston County Solid Waste at 843-720-7111.